

**WATER ALLOCATION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT  
STREAMFLOW STANDARDS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

December 10, 2002

**Present:** Alicia Good, Jim Campbell, Steve Donohue, Harold Ward, Eugene Pepper, Katherine Fisher, Ralph Abele, Christine Lipsky, Kathy Crawley, Rich Blodgett, Al Bettencourt,, Elizabeth Scott, Carlene Newman, Alisa Richardson

**Handouts:**

by DEM: Copy of draft minutes to Nov. 19, 2002 meeting for approval  
by Ralph Abele: New England State and Federal Instream Flow Efforts –  
PowerPoint presentation  
Issue 7 of the CT Water Planning Council

**Approval of Minutes:**

Meeting minutes from Nov. 19, 2002 meeting were accepted by the subcommittee

**Instream Flow Approaches in NE – presentation:**

Ralph Abele gave a presentation about the efforts to date by the other New England states in setting instream flow requirements and registration programs.

**Applicability of NE approaches to RI and Discussion on Purpose of Subcommittee:**

At the suggestion of Ms. Good, it was decided to discuss items three and four of the agenda simultaneously. The group discussed elements of other NE states efforts that may work in the development of an instream flow standard for RI and what the purpose of the subcommittee is. There was a lengthy discussion on what will or should work for RI:

Group agrees that final goal of basin specific standards is the way to go. Agriculture interest are concerned that an interim standard will be applied to existing users and also that it will become a final standard due to lack of funds to perform basin specific studies.

DEM explained that interim standard is needed for new applications and for planning purposes. Existing users would be evaluated by the basin specific standards.

Relative to Purpose of the Committee, the following was discussed:

DEM suggested that group should include bullets from CT Issue 7 report which requires group to address interim and long term standard, continual evaluation process, funding issues and implementation.

Meeting ended with general agreement that group needs to:

- agree on how the standard will be applied
- agree on a process to develop standard

consider watershed specific standards  
consider new and existing users  
examine funding issues

DEM will develop draft language of the charge of the subcommittee and e-mail it to everyone. Suggested changes should be e-mailed by the person suggesting the changes to entire group.

**Next meeting**

Next meeting scheduled for January 14, 2003 at 9:30AM in room 280 at DEM

*Note: For more information on Water Allocation or to view the handouts, visit <http://www.seagrant.gso.uri.edu/scc/wrb/index.html>*